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land revenue is being collected in zamindari villages in Udayagiri taluk though the Government have given remissions to its ryotwari villages?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—"Land revenue concessions on the scale granted to ryotwari villages, have been granted to all the estate villages in the Udayagiri and Pamur groups, excluding the area covered by Mopad Project."

SRI K. GOVINDA RAO:—"Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to tell, Sir, whether it is a fact that, in famine-stricken areas like Visakhapatnam district, Government have been trying to collect all the arrears of rent for the last five years at one stroke?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—"We are now in Udayagiri taluk. It takes a long time to travel to Visakhapatnam."

SRI K. RAMAIAH CHOWDARY:—"ఉదయగిరి తాలూకాలోని జమీం
11–30 a.m. దారీ ప్రదేశాలలో రైతులవద్దనుంచి శిస్తులు వసూలు చేస్తున్నారని చెప్పి ప్రభుత్వమునకు అర్జీలు పంపుకొన్నారు. ఇది ప్రభుత్వ దృష్టికి వచ్చిందా? వచ్చియుండినా, ఇక ఇటువంటి శిస్తులు ఆపుదల చేస్తారా?"

(Sri T. Nagi Reddi translated it into English.)

SRI T. NAGI REDDI:—"The peasants of Udayagiri taluk have sent a number of petitions regarding collection of land revenue in that area. Have they come to the notice of the Government and, if so, will the Government be pleased to issue instruction to the effect that land revenue should not be collected there?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—"The concessions given to the ryotwari areas apply to this area also *mutatis mutandis*."

MR. SPEAKER:—"Question No. 211."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU:—"Sir, I want to ask a very important supplementary question on the previous question."

MR. SPEAKER:—"There is no time."

Basic salaries of Public Health menials.

* 211 *Q.*—SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) what are the basic salaries of municipal menials, namely, scavengers, cartmen and sweepers working in different classes of municipalities;

(*b*) what are their dearness allowances;

(*c*) when were these scales of pay fixed; and

(*d*) whether they are given any annual increment, and if so, at what rates?

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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—"(a) & (b) The Public Health menials such as scavengers, cartmen and sweepers are paid from contingencies according to market rates prevailing in the areas concerned. The rates vary from municipality to municipality. The rates of dearness allowance paid to the employees of local authorities are Rs. 18 up to a salary of Rs. 20 and Rs. 19 for salaries more than Rs. 20. The total amount of pay and dearness allowance paid to the Public Health menials does not exceed the market rate.

"(c) & (d) As they are paid at market rates, (c) and (d) do not arise."

SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN:—"In view of the fact that the salaries paid to Public Health menials in certain municipalities are not enough to meet the rise in the cost of living, will the Government consider an increase in their salaries?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—"It is open to the local authorities to pay at a higher rate where the prevailing market rates and the financial position of the local authorities warrant it."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU:—"Are the Government aware that Vijayawada, Guntur and certain other municipalities are prepared to pay at higher rates but that the Commissioner and the Government are standing in their way?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—"Any particular instance brought to the notice of the Government will be enquired into."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM:—"Are the Government aware that labourers should not be called menials according to a communication sent by the Government of India and that in the Madras Corporation we use the term 'thozhilali' instead of 'mazdoor' which we in Tamilnad do not like?"

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—"The objection is quite right, and I have been feeling it myself. Certain forms have to be changed. Hon. Members will be patient, I hope."

[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

III.—ADJOURNMENT MOTION *RE* HUNGER-STRIKE IN CANNANORE JAIL.

MR. SPEAKER:—"The hon. Member Sri T. C. Narayana Nambiar has given notice of an adjournment motion which reads as follows:—

'I hereby give notice to move that the business of this House be adjourned to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., the hunger-strike by political prisoners Messrs. Arakkal Kunhiraman Nambiar and A. V. Chindan in Cannanore Central Jail with effect from 20th July 1952.'